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1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT:
THE CHAIRMAN INTENDS TO FOCUS DISCUSSION AT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD ON 19/20 JUNE 1978 ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, AND WOULD LIKE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO BE PREPARED TO HOLD AN OPEN, FRANK AND NON-TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THESE TOPICS:

1. ASSESSMENT OF IEA'S PAST ACTIVITIES AND ITS FUTURE WORK

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WHAT REAL POLITICAL VALUE DO GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE IEA? WOULD EVERYBODY SHARE THE ASSESSMENT THAT:

- THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL?
- THE ENERGY DATA SYSTEM IS ADEQUATE?
- THE DECISIONS ON LONG-TERM CO-OPERATION AND THE

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COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE INTER-
NATIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR EVALUATING NATIONAL ENERGY
PROGRAMMES AND STRENGTHENING THEM WHEN NECESSARY?
- R&D CO-OPERATION IS SATISFACTORY?
- IEA COUNTRIES ARE ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR PRACTICAL
FORMS OF ENERGY CO-OPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES?

WHAT SHOULD BE THE IEA'S BASIC FUTURE OBJECTIVES?
WHAT CONCRETE WORK SHOULD NOW RECEIVE ATTENTION? FOR
EXAMPLE, SHOULD WE CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING
AREAS?
- CONSERVATION
- COAL
- NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
- LONG-TERM PRICING: WHAT IS OUR ASSESSMENT OF
LONG-TERM PRICING TRENDS? SHOULD WE BE PREPARED TO
ACCEPT A GRADUAL PRICE INCREASE IN ORDER TO AVOID A
SUDDEN PRICE EXPLOSION AND TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT
OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES? WHAT WOULD BE THE
EFFECT ON OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT? WOULD IT
BE POSSIBLE TO REALISE AN ADEQUATE ECONOMIC GROWTH

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WHILE ENERGY PRICES ARE RISING CONTINUALLY?
- QUESTIONS RELATING TO 1990 GROUP OBJECTIVE

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2. RELATIONS WITH OPEC COUNTRIES

WHAT DO WE WISH TO DO ABOUT RELATIONS WITH OPEC COUNTRIES? (BILATERALLY? MULTILATERALLY?) IS NOW THE TIME TO INTENSIFY CO-OPERATION WHEN THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES ARE IN A MORE FAVOURABLE POSITION?

3. RELATIONS WITH NON-OIL LDCS

CAN WE DEVELOP AN OVERALL CONCEPT OF PRACTICAL ENERGY CO-OPERATION THAT MEETS OUR INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES AND YET IS ATTRACTIVE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES? (E.G. CO-ORDINATION OF BILATERAL EFFORTS, CO-OPERATION WITH WORLD BANK)?

4. NUCLEAR ENERGY
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(THE GERMAN DELEGATION IS READY TO INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT WITH A BRIEF STATEMENT.)
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